

The Weekly Ledger

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WHEN ever you find thieves and robbers hiding behind honest men there is a laugh coming.

This people of Mexico are anxious to have the new Burlington and Alton depot centrally located.

MASON CREESEY knows a good thing when he sees it, and has bought some more Mexico real estate.

Now there have a race war in Illinois. A mob hung a negro near the bus and then turned out and shot several other negroes.

MAJOR BRYER, one of Audrain's oldest settlers, honest and sturdy, has passed to his reward.

HON. CHAMBERLAIN has been invited to make a speech at a joint meeting of the Democratic Club and the State Committee of Massachusetts in Boston on May 14, but is prevented by previous engagements.

C. J. MCMURTRY is now editor and proprietor of the Salem (Mo.) Democrat. McMurry is going to make the Democrat one of Missouri's most substantial, conservative and up-to-date Democratic country papers.

The business men of Centralia are enterprising and progressive; and will at once rebuild the black burned town. Centralia is situated in a beautiful country, and is a fine business point.

The City Council will ask the County Court to reimburse the six-mile road law, which was adopted some time ago. Quite a number of citizens have changed their mind, and will vote against the proposition when it is resubmitted.

HON. T. S. BRYER, of Laramie, Mont. county, is now lieutenant-governor of Missouri, in place of John A. Lee, resigned. Senator Bryer is a man of splendid ability, honest, conscientious and a loyal, true Democrat. He is worthy of this position.

The funeral of Col. J. K. Ricker in Fulton Saturday was largely attended by the people of his home town. Col. Ricker had many friends throughout the United States, but none more loyal and true than those of Fulton, where he was best known.

The members of the Christian Church of Mexico have unanimously agreed upon a site for the new church, and work will start at once. The new church will be located just west of J. C. Danford's residence and just east of the north side Public School building. This is the most beautiful site.

DEMOCRATS throughout Missouri are congratulating Col. John G. Fraher on his appointment as jury commissioner for the city of St. Louis. Col. Fraher is a thoroughbred Democrat, and has always been active and prominent in his work for the party. He will make a splendid official.

The Board of Censors of the State University have appointed the following well-known Missouri lawyers as non-resident lecturers in the Law Department: Judge W. M. Williams, of Booneville; Judge E. B. Adams, Judge Selden P. Spence and Paul Bakewell, of St. Louis; Geo. Robertson, of Mexico; J. V. C. Edwards and C. G. Tichenor, of Kansas City.

HARRY S. JEWELL, of the Springfield (Mo.) Journal-Democrat, has purchased from W. C. Farnsworth the Evening World and the papers have been merged. This is a business move, and is for the best interests not only on the papers but for the people of Springfield. There are about twice as many newspapers in Missouri as can be well supported by the people.

The real estate men of Mexico have formed an organization which we believe will be a benefit to the county and the city as well as to the members of the organization. These gentlemen will work together for the best interests of this community. One of the first results should be when one real estate man brings a buyer into Audrain no other real estate man should run down the country and try to keep him from buying.

This money to purchase a site for the Burlington and Alton depot will be subscribed by the representatives of the road select the site. The depot will be occupied by both the Burlington and Alton as a Union Station. The selection of the site will be finally made by the engineer and general passenger agent of the road. Some of our people may have a choice of sites, but will agree that the Alton people should put their station where they want it.

It looks to the Mexico Ledger as though some movement to keep the County Court from granting William Kemper a license on account of a technicality would not be in the interest of Temperance, but in the interest of the other saloons in Mexico who may have a license. If Mr. Kemper is closed up until the next regular meeting of the County Court the same amount of liquor will be sold, but by two saloons instead of three.

HON. C. F. CLARK, R. H. Locke and R. M. White have been appointed by the Mexico Commercial Club to confer with the Alton people in reference to the details regarding the new Burlington and Alton depot, are progressing with their work. T. S. Wilson, representing the Alton railroad, agrees that if the people of Mexico will furnish a site for the new station, which is satisfactory to the Alton people, that the Burlington out-of will be built to St. Louis from Mexico instead of from Little Rock, and that Mexico will be made the end of the division for the Burlington people. This will give us a roundhouse, yards, and a large number of railroad men will make Mexico their home. Options on the available sites will be taken. The people will then be asked to subscribe the money necessary to buy a site. After this money is all subscribed then the Alton people will make their selection, providing any one of the sites offered is satisfactory.

JOHN A. LEE RESIGNS.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE NOTIFIED GOV. DOCKERY.

RESIGNATION SENT SATURDAY.

Refused to Be Seen Last Night Upon the Matter.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee is understood to have mailed his resignation to Gov. Dockery yesterday.

This is the belief of persons who are in close touch with the matter and who were aware Saturday that Lee's friends had advised him to take this course.

The lieutenant governor, however, refused to be seen last evening or to answer questions sent to him.

Although it is stated that Gov. Dockery has not requested Lee to resign, it is intimated that the governor expects such a step, and that he will accept the resignation.

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REAL ESTATE AGENT'S CLUB

Such An Organization is Formed in Mexico—May Have Roads Draged.

An organization known as the Real Estate Agent's Club, of Mexico, has been formed some time and the members are thinking of having the roads for 4 or 5 miles in several directions from Mexico dragged.

Members of the club are reticent in giving out news of their organization but it is understood that C. F. Clark is president, Lacey Barnes, secretary, and J. G. Lakeman, treasurer. It is understood that all or nearly all of the agents in town are members.

Railroad Surveys Were Social Lions Until Checks Failed to Arrive.

From the Mason Republic.

"No man has experienced genuine Missouri hospitality unless he has been met by an engineering corps making a survey through a back country section preliminary to the building of a railroad," remarked John C. McGee, head chairman with the Iowa & St. Louis surveyors, who were on their way to St. Louis when called in by the Burlington's purchase of the new line.

"There were twelve men in the corps," said Mr. McGee, "including Chief Engineer A. C. Libby, of Chicago. Of the lot but one was a married man, a Mr. Shafter, of Iowa. Near Victor, Monroe county, a farmer moved his piano and fancy furniture out into the barn in order to provide us with sleeping accommodations several nights. Sticking in tents near the bridge, and our wants were supplied before we hardly knew we had any. While in camp the neighbors visited us daily and brought baskets of chicken, light bread, pies, cake, butter and eggs. They wanted a railroad the worst kind they said, and that was their very substantial way of proving their sincerity."

"We struck Laddonia, Audrain county, the first day of February, and it was too cold for camping out. There were two hotels in the town, and the citizens got together and chartered one—the Central—for our special accommodation. They presented us with a key and a receipted bill for the rent as long as we cared to stay. They also sent around a colored boy to help us look after the housekeeping and to keep our shoes shined. The boys had a time. They soon got acquainted with the girls of the town and it was a mighty poor engineer that didn't have two or three to escort to town or any entertainment that came along. And let me tell you you can't find any prettier girls in Missouri all those same young ladies in and around Laddonia."

The checks were coming regular and the boys didn't hesitate at expense. There were visits to Mexico theaters, high league rides, balls, receptions and parties of every description. The engineers were not expecting to have a chance to play ladies' men anywhere, and none of them had had their Sunday-go-to-meetin' along, but it didn't seem to make any difference; they were building a railroad, and the sensible young ladies looked beyond the plebeian world-a-day clothes to the future Vanderbilts in the town. The town boys were organizing a home-protective association when the bottom of our glory dropped out. The boys were unaccountable reason the checks stopped coming, and no matter how hospitable people are you can't entertain young ladies without money. The town boys had some, and we didn't. Just about that time a good show struck the village, and the engineers didn't have the price of a gallery ticket in their pockets. The consequence was their best girls went to their old-time sweethearts to the performance, while the engineers sat around the hotel office and cursed the fates. Next came the news that the Iowa & St. Louis had sold to the Burlington, and that the surveying party's work was terminated. We told our friends around town and they felt blue, I tell you. The farmers who had been asking a stiff price for right-of-way across their land got the idea that the work had been stopped because of their unreasonable demands. And came to their own post-haste with the offer to reduce the price. Some cut their figures to half, and others generously told us to make our own estimate. It was hard to convince them that the railroad wouldn't come, even if they gave a free right-of-way. "You're jest tryin' to fool us," said one of them, who owned a large farm in the route. "I've been surveyed according to law down at Jefferson and besides, I see a map for it and it runs right through to St. Louis. It has to come."

"I guess he thought we were violating the constitution by quitting off. At last they realized fate had played a trick on another trick, and they went away registering their lurid belief in the eternal deceptiveness of projected railroads."

The related checks finally arrived and each man received a month's extra wages. But the girls had gone back to the town boys for keeps; and their flirtation with the visiting engineers was only a memory. They could only of blarney and Vanderbilts' work; the suit is a great surprise to many. Mr. Roberts is a son of Judge W. F. Roberts, of Boone county. The defendant has been in San Francisco, Cal., for more than a year.

Buntings, Phantasies, Surreys and Buggies. FERRIS & CAUTHORN.

A bride at Carthage who was attended in a black skirt removed the skirt in the presence of a crowd of men because she believed it was bad luck to be married in black. When she took off the black skirt she was attended in a white wedding suit.

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A Happy Assertion After Using PAINE'S Celery Compound

The Popular Manager of the Lehigh Oil Company Says:

"I Am Fifty-five Years of Age, but Do Not Feel as If I Were More than Thirty-five."

The many marvelous cures wrought for the sick, suffering and diseased by Paine's Celery Compound, should command the attention of every prudent and judicious person who feels that he or she is out of health in the springtime. The rundown, weak, sleepless, dyspeptic, rheumatic and those afflicted with blood troubles, should realize at once that Paine's Celery Compound frees the system from the seed of disease and deadly impurities, strengthens the

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